

REMARKS

Claims pending in the instant application are numbered 1-29. Claims 1, 3-9, 11, 14-19 and 21-27 are rejected. Claims 2, 10, 11, 13, 20, 28 and 29 are objected to. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Double patenting

Claims 1-29 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-27 of co-pending Application No.10/143,466 (US2003/005888 A1).

Applicant acknowledges the provisional double-patenting rejection. Should co-pending Application No.10/143,466 issue and the issued claims warrant a double-patenting rejection in the instant application, Applicant will take action at that time to overcome the double patenting rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 12, 18, 19 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lu, U.S. 6,480,911, in view of Chuang, U.S. 5,371,864. Claims 3-5, 8, 9, 14-17, 21-23 and 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lu in view of Chuang, and further in view of Stacey, U.S. 6,654,376.

Independent claims 1, 6, 12, 19 and 24 have been amended to include allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner in the instant Office Action. Claims 3-5, 8-9, 11,

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14-18, 21-23, 25-27 and 29 are allowable based on their dependency from allowable independent claims.

Conclusion

The Applicant submits that in view of the remarks and amendments set forth herein, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance in this case.

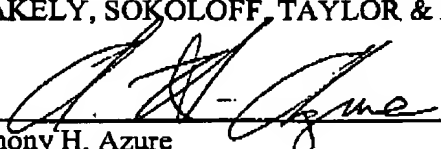
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